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Gymnast Breanne Metzger is contributing to the Falcons' success this season ; **PAGE 7**

# BGSU NEWS

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## Teachers: Ohio Reads an asset

By Lindsay Bell  
REPORTER

For the second consecutive year, University Honors Program students have teamed up with others in the community to help kindergarten through sixth grade children read at Ridge Elementary as part of the Ohio Reads Program.

The program, which was created by Governor Taft in 2001, is an education initiative to improve reading in the state.

According to Stacey Higgins, the reading specialist and volunteer coordinator at Ridge Elementary, the dedication from volunteers through this program is an asset to the school.

"The children truly benefit from the Ohio Reads Program," she said. "It gives the children a sense of motivation, self-confidence and interest in books."

Ridge Elementary, one of the most ethnically diverse and eco-

nominally stricken school districts in Wood County, often relies on the help of the volunteers.

There are currently 37 University student volunteers helping Ridge Elementary students. Students and other volunteers are required to attend a one-hour training session meet with a child for half an hour or more every week.

The volunteers read with the children, coach them through words, use flash cards

and complete writing activities in a number of different subjects.

The role of a tutor in the Ohio Reads Program is to provide support and encouragement in addition to the child's day-to-day classroom instruction. Other



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**HELPER:** Allison Smith, Junior, helps local student sound out the letter "M". Smith volunteers for Ohio Reads.

Wood County schools such as Crim and Kenwood Elementary are also involved in the program.

"The volunteers serve as role models for the children," Higgins said.

According to University student volunteers, they're happy to help out.

"The Ohio Reads Program has been a very

rewarding and fulfilling experience," said Amber Linn, an Honors student and Ohio Reads volunteer.

Like the other two-thirds of volunteers, Linn is a business and political science major not an education major.

But she still takes advantage of the opportunity to make a difference in the life of a child.

For Jen Stacy, an early childhood education major, volunteering with the Ohio Reads Program has given her a jumpstart on teaching in addition to aiding children in the community.

"Volunteering has given me the chance to get a taste of teaching, but at the same time help children at a more personal level," she said.

Ohio is not the only state that funds a program like Ohio Reads. Other states nationwide have developed reading programs with support from the government and volunteers.

The Ohio Reads Program is funded by state-wide grants.

In 1999, Ridge Elementary received \$6,000 to buy materials, start family reading programs and support other reading activi-

**Ohio Reads is still looking for volunteers for the following times**

**MONDAY:** 10:45-11:15 a.m.

**TUESDAY:** 12:15-12:45 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY:** 9:00-9:45 a.m., 10:45-11:15 a.m., 12:15-12:45 p.m., 1:45-2:15 p.m.

**THURSDAY:** 9:15-11:15 a.m., 12:15-12:45 p.m.

**FRIDAY:** 11:15-11:45 a.m.

ties. Today, \$21,000 is contributed to the growing learning environment at Ridge.

*Editor's Note: For more information about the Ohio Reads Program visit: [www.ohioreads.com](http://www.ohioreads.com) or contact Stacey Higgins at [shiggins@mail.bgsu.k12.oh.us](mailto:shiggins@mail.bgsu.k12.oh.us).*

## BG NEWS

### BRIEFING

#### Democratic

#### candidate at BGSU

Dennis Kucinich will visit Bowling Green today. The Democratic candidate is taping an episode of "The Journal" at WBGU/PBS. The show will consist mostly of Kucinich responding to questions from the audience. Those wishing to attend are asked to arrive at the WBGU/PBS building, 245 Troup St., at 10:30 a.m.

Kucinich's campaign has been centered on his opposition to the war, and his "10-point plan" to bring American soldiers home. Kucinich is also pro-choice and in favor of decriminalizing marijuana.

Kucinich's campaign has struggled, but he recently placed third in two primaries, and feels he has a chance to win the Democratic nod. Students are encouraged to attend the taping.

## African heritage a focal point this week

Julie Restivo  
REPORTER

This week the Bowling Green Black Student Union is welcoming all students and faculty to participate in activities that celebrate their African-American heritage.

For those who were unaware that the BSU even existed at the University, be prepared because the organization has ideas and events that they hope will become annual. This includes the BSU Week, which is presently in progress.

The BSU consists of four committees. The 500 members have grouped themselves into Academic, Social, Political or Community Service Committee. This week, each group has planned a day for honoring their heritage.

On Monday night, the Academic Committee teamed with the University's Greek organizations for a night of education on the seventh floor of Jerome library.

Last night, the political committee sponsored a debate on in Olscamp on the issue of affirmative action.

Terea Boysaw, who is attending the week's events, thinks this debate is really good for the campus as a whole.

"You don't have to agree with affirmative action, but it is vital for everyone to know about it," Boysaw said. "Affirmative action effects everyone, not just cultural minorities but also gender minorities (women)."

Today is a memorial day. A march from the education building to the Bowen-Thompson Student Union will take place. Nicole Mdanisel, president of the BSU described the march as, "A dedication to the African Americans who gave their lives to the struggle for equality."

The Community Service Committee will use tomorrow as a mentoring day for underprivileged children from an organization called Project Excellence.

On Friday, the Social Committee will welcome those

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## BELLY DANCING



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**ROLLING AND SHAKING:** Amanda Smith, an BGSU alumna, learns to Egyptian belly dance in the Student Union last night. The class is taught by Marisa Viele, a graduate student here at the University. February 20, 2004 there will be a belly dancing performance for the Mardi Gras Festival being held at the French House. Viele will also be giving free lessons at this time.

## Bringing together campus, community

**Scheduled events hope to strengthen tie between groups on and off campus.**

By Andrew Scharf  
REPORTER

Building community and inclusion is the focus of several events on campus today and tomorrow.

Sponsored by Partnerships for Community Action and the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education the event will include a symposium, workshop and dance troupe performance designed to develop new projects between the campus and the community.

The theme surrounding this year's events is creating environments of inclusion. With this theme PCA and CITE hope

to unite disability service agencies in the the University and the community that is mutually beneficial," Taylor said.

*"We feel there needs to be more dialogue between the University and community about including people of all abilities,"* Bevin Taylor, grants coordinator for PCA said.

The events begin today at 11:30 a.m. in the Union Ballroom with a reception to announce the winners of grants sponsored by PCA and CITE. The groups sponsor the grants annually for work that connect members of the University and the local community.

"The only stipulation (for grant winners) is that they have to have a partnership with

Some of the projects started by last year's grants included a symposium on media literacy. A program that allowed University students to teach English to migrant farm workers was also supported. Grant recipients will have their work on display during the reception.

## Learn how to 'leave no trace'

Allia J. Miller  
REPORTER

College is costly, so why not take advantage of the free events the University offers. If you care about your environment, or happen to be an outdoor enthusiast, here is an event that may equip you with the skills needed to be environmentally friendly outdoors.

In a workshop presented by Outdoor Programs, students will learn how to "Leave No Trace" outdoors. Students are expected to obtain skills needed for minimum impact camping and how to utilize the outdoor environment without leaving behind the evidence.

Instructors guarantee an interactive and fun time for those interested in joining them. Registration will take place at the Student Recreational Centers main office between 8 a.m.- 4 p.m., or at the climbing wall from 4:30 p.m.- 10:30 p.m. The deadline for registration is Feb. 11 at noon, and the cost is FREE!

"I remember weekend camping trips with my dad and brothers, I looked forward to them,"

recalls Sean Hill, a self-proclaimed outdoor enthusiast.

Camping has been a family past time that has over the years been downplayed.

While many of us would rather remain indoors with the luxuries of heat and television, there are those who prefer the rugged outdoors. Despite the cold weather conditions we have endured, camping season is not far off, so why not prepare yourself?

Popular camping sites, such as Burr Oak Cove, Athens, Oh., have been visited for years by families and friends looking to enjoy the beauty of nature. A weekend away from the realities and stresses of everyday life often give way to beautiful scenery and sounds of the nature.

As important as the environment is to our living conditions, there are those who treat it haphazardly. This a workshop that looks to give back to the environment simply by educating students on preventive measures to maintaining clean surroundings.

OUTDOOR, PAGE 2

### FOUR-DAY FORECAST

The four-day forecast is taken from weather.com

#### THURSDAY



Mostly Cloudy  
High: 33°  
Low: 16°

#### FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 32°  
Low: 23°

#### SATURDAY



Snow Showers  
High: 30°  
Low: 9°

#### SUNDAY



Partly Cloudy  
High: 21°  
Low: 3°

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## PIECE BY PIECE



**A TEDIOUS ART:** (Top) Christine Haar, University staff member (left) and Sally Jackson, a graduate student, examine pieces of stained glass to prepare to create an ensemble of the glass pieces. Steve Noblet, another alumni, has been working with stained glass for 26 years. He helped a class create their own window design last night in the Campus Park Building near the Technology Building.

# Folk music offers students a change

By Allison Halco  
CAMPUS NEWS EDITOR

University students will be exposed to a culture quite unlike their own when the folk music duo of Bob Bovee and Gail Heil visit campus today.

The couple will be performing and holding question and answer sessions in Dr. Lucy Long's Introduction to Folklore and Appalachian Folklore classes today. Tonight, they will perform and hold an open reception in the Chapman Learning Community at Kohl Hall.

Long is hoping the folk musicians will pique the interest of students and faculty all over campus, not just her pupils.

"It is relevant to people who want to understand music and culture today, if they want to understand the roots of where contemporary music is coming from," Long said.

Bovee and Heil are not newcomers to the folk music scene. They have been performing together for 25 years, and share their enthusiasm for music.

In addition to their visit to campus, the couple will also play at Grounds for Thought, St. Thomas More University Parish Gym and at Mary Jane Thurstin Park later this week.

The couple will also visit classes at East

Toledo Junior High School and Bowling Green Junior High School on tomorrow and Friday.

Mary Wrighton, director of the Ethnic Cultural Arts Program, sees particular significance in the couple's visit to East Toledo Junior High School.

"Many of those students [at East Toledo] are descendants of people from the Appalachian area where this type of music is part of the history," Wrighton said. "It's a part of American history and American folk music."

The Ethnic Cultural Arts Program is cosponsoring the folk music event.

Long hopes the duo's performances will be enlightening for all who participate, proving that the art of folk music is not a thing of the past.

"A lot of this music is very much living today," Long said. "It's not just something [that] people dress up in reenactment clothes and play in museums."

The Department of Popular Culture is the primary sponsor of the musicians' visit.

"We're trying to bring the community and the University together out on the dance floor," Long said.

## Respecting nature is key in program

OUTDOOR, FROM PAGE 1

Imagine living surrounded by trash and waste, although that idea is not too far-fetched in the world today, the responsibility falls to us to keep it from becoming a reality. Not only is the environment that we live in danger, but the areas we vacation in are as well.

With an increasing need for environmental protection, steps towards progress are vital. Instructors intend to pass on skills that will preserve the beauty of nature.

While environmental protection is an issue, much can be done to help. Habits such as recycling and minimizing waste allow people to take a proactive role in maintaining the beauty of nature.

You may wonder: "Who wants to spend a lot of money to sleep outside?" As the saying goes, "don't knock it till you've tried it." While it may not seem like the most appealing activity, the appreciation that you gain from a night or two outdoors could cost a lot less than you imagined.

Like this workshop, camping trips do not often tax your pockets like many other trips. Food, clothing and shelter are the ingredients that when mixed with a good camp site, can make for an exciting trip.

Camping is not just for kids anymore. Many camp sites offer activities that will make your time spent worth while.

If you're looking to put your athletic ability to nature's test, look into sites that offer swimming, tennis or even water-skiing. Cooking out and simply relaxing are also activities that could draw even the most "anti-outdoors" advocate to a camp site.

The chance to go camping might not get everyone jumping for joy. Those of us who look forward to weekend excursion, in nature have learned it proves wise to maintain the environment which you enjoy by "leaving no trace."

Packing the car and getting on the road could put you on your way to a weekend with nature. There is no cost for the lesson and the gain will be priceless, if you have any questions, contact Bryan Cavins or Rob Thompson at 419-372-2790.

## BSU goal: To connect all across the University

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who are looking for a fun time to join them for dinner and a movie. This will take place from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. in Olscamp.

BSU's goal is to help the community come together on both an academic and a social level. They are committed to making African-American students feel comfortable on campus.

Mdaniel is very enthusiastic about this current project for the Black Student Union. She wants everyone to know that, "Anyone can attend any of these events. This is not a black issue but an American issue."

For further information about the BSU or the planned events that are taking place this week, you may inquire by e-mailing [bsu.bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:bsu.bgnet.bgsu.edu).

## Colorado U. developing bad rep

By Robert Weller  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

DENVER — Already mired in a scandal that includes rape allegations, the University of Colorado suffered another blow yesterday when an adult entertainment company confirmed that football players hired strippers for recruiting parties as recently as two weeks ago.

Steve Lower, president of Hardbodies Entertainment Inc. in Denver, said athletes at Colorado and universities around the country have been paying strippers to entertain recruits for years.

"It's a tradition, like throwing a bachelor party," he said.

Lower said students or athletes at the University of Houston, Rice University, University of Northern Colorado and Colorado State University also have hired his dancers.

"Yes, these have been our girls doing it, and no, the college has absolutely not paid for it, condoned it or been aware of

it," he said.

Officials at most of the schools did not return calls seeking comment.

"If this is true, it is a violation of what we teach them and tell them," Colorado football coach Gary Barnett said. Houston athletic director Dave Maggard said he and football coach Art Briles were not aware of any strip parties.

Earlier this month, St. John's University suspended five basketball players for breaking curfew to go to a strip club. University of Minnesota officials are investigating whether high school football recruits visited bars and a strip club during a visit in December.

According to National Collegiate Athletic Association rules, a school "may not arrange or permit excessive entertainment," though it is unclear what constitutes excessive. The NCAA is convening a panel this spring to discuss recruiting problems.

Colorado was plunged into

scandal last week with the disclosure of allegations that it uses sex and women to entice recruits.

The claim was made by Boulder County District Attorney Mary Keenan in one of three federal lawsuits filed by women who say they were raped at an off-campus party in December 2001 attended by Colorado players and recruits.

Last week, police said they were also investigating whether Colorado football players hired prostitutes from an escort service.

University officials have denied the school uses sex parties as a recruiting tool. Last week, Barnett suspended four players, including one for taking a recruit to a strip club.

The Board of Regents has ordered a special commission to investigate and prepare a report by April 30.

Regent Jim Martin, who has been critical of how university administrators have handled the scandal, said investigators

should find out where the money to pay for the strippers came from.

Colorado players testified in depositions that they get \$30 from athletic department officials to host recruits. Lower said it costs \$250 for two strippers to dance for an hour.

"It is usually paid for by friends of the players," said Lower, who spoke first with the Rocky Mountain News.

Hardbodies dancer Jennifer Nass, 23, said she has stripped at about a half dozen Colorado recruiting parties.

"No one who is a parental figure or coach has ever attended," she said in a telephone interview.

The Board of Regents' panel is being co-chaired by former lawmakers Joyce Lawrence and Peggy Lamm. Lawrence drew criticism last week when she suggested the alleged victims should be asked why they went to the party.

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- B. 2 1/4 inches
- C. 3 1/4 inches
- D. 5 inches

Thickness of the ice.  
Inches is the range for the  
to one and one-half (1 1/2)  
to one and one-fourth (1 1/4)



**CHEMISTRY CLUB WELCOMES SPEAKER**

The BGSU Chemistry Club welcomes Frank Butwin, President of the local American Chemical Society to speak at today's Chemistry Club meeting. It will be held at 9:15 pm in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union in room 307. There will be a raffle for a Panera Bread gift certificate.

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# CAMPUS

**THE BLOTTER**

February 9, 2004:

A subject was reported passed out, she was transported to Wood County Hospital.

Complainant in the Union was advised a cash register was short of money.

Complainant reported her parking pass was stolen out of her car in Lot 3.

Requested Bowling Green Fire Department for a possible dislocated ankle in Perry Field House. Subject was transported to Wood County Hospital.

## get a life

The calendar of events is taken from  
<http://www.bgsu.edu/calendar/calendar.html>

8:30 - 11:30 am

Partnerships on the Move: Creating Environments of Inclusion  
The Symposium is free and open to the public. No registration necessary. Class groups welcome. For information or accessibility requests, please contact Jane Rosser at PCA 419-372-9288 or [jrosser@bgnet.bgsu.edu](mailto:jrosser@bgnet.bgsu.edu). Sponsored by The Center for Innovative and Transformative Education, Partnerships for Community Action, and Disability Services for Students at Bowling Green State University. Bowen-Thompson Student Union 201-Sky Bank Room

9 am - 3 pm

Carnation Sales  
Habitat for Humanity will be selling carnations for Valentine's Day. Bowen-Thompson Student Union Lobby

10 am - 5 pm

Vagina Monologues Ticket Sales  
Organization for Women's Issues will also be recruiting for a march on Washington.

Education Bldg. Steps

1-5 PM

African Dance Troupe will be running a photo booth for Valentine's day. It will be \$6 per picture and \$1 extra for each additional person in the picture. Second floor lobby of Bowen-Thompson Student Union.

6 - 7 pm

Wild Wacky Wednesday at the Union. Come enjoy free bingo! Prizes! Sponsored by Bowen-Thompson Student Union Programs Bowen-Thompson Student Union Falcon's Nest

6 - 7 pm

6 O'Clock Series Presents "Healthy Relationships..."  
Looking for Love?? Come join in the discussion. Ask Questions, Get Advice! Learn how to maintain a healthy relationship, the characteristics of healthy relationships, and how to effectively communicate with your companion. Discussion will be lead by Becky Conrad-Davenport. Bowen-Thompson Student Union Dining Lounge, 3rd Floor

## 2 die, 7 injured in Texas accident

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PARIS, Texas - A tractor-trailer slammed into a van carrying nine members of a junior college basketball team, killing two players and injuring all seven other people in the van.

Justice of the Peace Ernie Sparks

said the van was "busted to pieces" in the Monday night accident, which happened as the van was making a U-turn.

"The ones who were in there, I don't know how they survived, but they crawled out," Sparks said. "All the windows were gone. It was lying on its side with the top side up."

The Navarro College players were returning in two vans to Corsicana from Paris, where they had played Paris Junior College earlier in the evening.

The first van had made a U-turn on U.S. 271 just inside city limits and the second was turning to follow when it was struck broadside,

police spokesman Todd Varner said.

Varner said investigators had not yet been able to interview everyone involved, but a preliminary investigation showed that the vehicles had missed a turn on the two-lane highway and the second driver, a graduate assistant coach, failed to yield to oncoming traffic when he made the turn.

Varner identified the dead as players Pa Sarr, 21, of the African nation of Gambia, and Jason Rashard Trier, 18, of Giddings.

Hospital spokesman Derald Bulls said one person was in critical condition, four were in serious condition and two were in fair condition. The critically injured student, who was flown to Parkland Health and Hospital System in Dallas, was identified as Chris Gonzalez, a freshman from Chicago.

At the campus in Corsicana, some 60 miles south of Dallas, students gathered early yesterday to pray and get updates about the crash.

"They're a good group of guys; that's why it's so shocking something like this would happen," said Sasha Ybarra, an 18-year-old freshman. "They were good students, good people, guys from all over — Tennessee, Africa, New Orleans."

## LAUGHS IN THE PUB



Ashley Kuntz BG News

**JOKIN' AROUND:** Comedian Ray Devito, a BGSU graduate, performs his stand up comic routine full of college related humor at the Black Swamp Pub yesterday. The event was sponsored by the University Activities Organization.

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## QUOTEUNQUOTE

"Do I lift? Do I drive? Am I bagging groceries at a very busy supermarket? No. I sit with a little pencil, and if I have an idea, I write it down. It's light work."

"The producers" creator MEL BROOKS, 77, on the prospect of retiring.  
(newsweek.com)

www.bgnews.com/opinion

## OPINION

## All "crazy" pilots raise your hands

U-wire | University of Pittsburgh

On Friday, passengers on an American Airlines flight from Los Angeles to New York experienced a moment of terror during the in-flight announcements.

The pilot requested that the Christians on the flight raise their hands. He then said, "everyone who doesn't have their hand raised is crazy," according to a woman who was aboard the flight. He told the non-Christians

to talk to the Christians about their faith, and said he would be available after the flight for discussion. He also said that reading a book or watching the movie would be a waste of time, and that discussing Christianity would be "worthwhile."

The comments proved so unsettling that several passengers attempted to call loved ones from their cell phones, perhaps fearing that some religious fundamentalist had hijacked the

plane and that disaster was imminent.

A spokesman for American Airlines said the incident was being investigated. The pilot should be severely disciplined, if not fired, for his inappropriate and ill-timed comments.

A ride on a commercial airline flight is a business transaction, not an opportunity for proselytizing. The pilot really shouldn't say much more than the barest facts: estimated flight time and

maybe the expected weather in the arrival city. Anything more personal is simply inappropriate.

Far more troubling, however, is that this little stunt occurred aboard an airplane, in an enclosed space with a captive audience. Didn't the pilot have any notion that such odd and loaded language might invoke images of other flights in passengers' minds?

The terrible events of Sept. 11, 2001, are seared in the minds of

every American and most citizens of the world. People are understandably nervous.

Add to that fear the fact that many people are terrified of flying, regardless of the circumstances. For someone who is already breathing in a bag, being asked to consider the state of their eternal soul would clearly be too much to handle.

Consider if the pilot's statements had been a little different: "Raise your hand if you are

Muslim. Everyone who doesn't have their hand raised is crazy." He'd be imprisoned in Guantanamo Bay faster than you can say USA PATRIOT Act.

Whether an innocent attempt to share his religious beliefs with his passengers or an arrogant abuse of a microphone, this pilot clearly has issues of mental competency to be considered in evaluating his future with American Airlines.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## Don't miss the real meaning of Valentine's Day

Ahhh, love! I found myself smiling as I read Zach Herman's column on love, and how meeting that special someone can change one's life. The words "one special person" caught my eye as I skimmed over the opinion page, and I was reminded of my own special person.

Interested, I began to read the column and at first was disappointed because I thought it was just going to be another column claiming something like love doesn't exist and Valentine's Day should be banned. Don't get me wrong, for most of my life I was alone and single when February came around. I always wondered if someday I would be the one to receive a dozen roses or even a single Valentine's card.

Instead of dwelling on my dating status and moping about how silly it was to celebrate one day of love, I lavished my time and energy on making sure the ones closest to me knew how much I cared. Some of my favorite memories are of making someone smile as I gave them a Valentine.

Last year at work, I passed out homemade cards with an original poem written by myself pasted on the front. One co-worker of mine, a nice older woman named Chris received hers when she found it in her cubby box. She came up to me later on and asked if it was for her, and I said "Of course." She was surprised.

So, for most of my life I was single and alone; but never lonely on Valentine's Day because I had close friends and family by my side. There were plenty of people to shower my affection with. Of course, the thought of actually having that one special person on Valentine's Day has always appealed to me.

Mr. Herman's column inspired me to express similar feelings. As the column continued and Mr. Herman admitted his opinions had changed since he met Annie, I found myself relating to his words of love, adoration and how complete and secure one feels when they finally meet that special someone.

This past November, fate final-

ly stepped in and brought a wonderful man into my life. I have dated before and the relationships have come and gone. But this time something was different — it felt right. He came and stayed.

Almost four months later, we are in love and I finally have that special someone I've always wanted on the most romantic holiday of the year. I find myself trying to find the perfect card that expresses my true feelings, the perfect gift and the perfect token of my love.

I glance at his picture a lot, since we are separated by a three hour drive. I count down the days until I will see him again. This weekend, in fact, for obvious reasons! In the end, just being able to see him and spend time together is the best gift we can give each other.

For those who are still single and for those with significant others; don't let Valentine's Day pass without letting your family and friends know how much you love and care for them. The meaning of Valentine's Day should not be celebrated only one day out of the year, because who knows if our loved ones will be here tomorrow, or next February.

I hope this letter shows that Valentine's Day is not just a day for couples or a day for lonely people to be miserable. It's a day to celebrate love — love of family, friends and lovers. To my own special someone, I love you always Dwayne. Happy Valentine's Day everyone!

JAMIE POLAND  
STUDENT

## USG should stick to being students

There was an article in The BG News Thursday in opposition to recent University Student Government's actions — an amendment to the constitution which created a minority senate seat and a resolution to send a letter to Governor Taft expressing the University's opposition to the banning of gay marriage.

I am opposed to the amendment but I will leave that for another letter. My main griev-

ance deals with the resolution.

I am not opposed to gay marriage, although I do have personal beliefs on the issue. However, I am opposed to the resolution because I feel that it is outside of USG's jurisdiction.

Unfortunately, this is not the first time they have done something like this and, realistically, I know that it won't be the last.

USG is a campus body instituted for one purpose — to be a voice for the entire Undergraduate population on issues that are of immediate importance to them.

In the past, they have taken great strides to accomplish this lofty and unending goal, with issues ranging from campus security to parking and traffic. I believe now, as I have stated in the past many times, that USG's immediate concern is to work for the benefit of University students and not to lobby for state or national issues over which the University community is clearly divided. That is, after all, why we elect a state government and state legislators.

It is inconceivable that a body such as USG can even justify that their letter to Governor Taft is truly on behalf of the University as a whole. I could be wrong. I have been in the past after all.

USG should concern themselves with issues that are more important to the student body as a whole and avoid issues which are being considered at higher levels of Government.

I for one do not want USG to represent my voice on state or national issues such as the definition of marriage or who can carry guns.

Again, I don't mean to say that I am opposed to gay marriage, rather I am opposed to USG (a University student organization) telling my governor what I think without asking me first.

If you want to represent the voice of the student body on an issue being acted out on the state or national level then you would be better served by getting a petition and sending that with attached signatures. Or, even better, leave state and national politics to the politicians who were elected to office and stick to being a student.

JOHN WILLIAMSON  
STUDENT

## PEOPLE ON THE STREET

*If it was 70 degrees outside, what would you be doing?*



KELLY BAKER  
JUNIOR, INTERVENTION SPECIALIST

*"Spending as much time outside as possible."*



SHANNON HARRIS  
JUNIOR, BUSINESS

*"Having a picnic."*



GORDON RANKIN  
SOPHOMORE, MUSIC EDUCATION

*"Ultimate frisbee or stunting."*



CHRIS COLLINS  
SENIOR, MARKETING

*"18 pack and 18 holes."*

## Age-old debts need to be settled soon



RUSS ZIMMER

Opinion Columnist

Most people are aware that February is Black History month. As a nation, we use this month to focus on and celebrate the accomplishments of African-Americans.

Most African-Americans arrived in America due to the slave trade starting about three hundred years ago. Since then they have broken free from the bonds of state-instituted slavery.

What most people are not aware of is the issue of reparations. I would also venture to guess that most people are not aware of the intricacy of the issue.

Slave reparations strive first and foremost for an official acknowledgment of "the fundamental injustice, cruelty, brutality and inhumanity of slavery in the United States and the 13 American colonies between 1619 and 1865" according to H.R. 40, a bill proposed over four years ago in the House of Representatives, which is resubmitted every year by Rep. Conyers (D-MI). The bill also states that a committee should be appointed to delve into the idea that monetary reparations should be made.

There is precedence for such repayment. Germany has paid almost 90 billion Deutsche Marks to the State of Israel for harm inflicted on the Jewish race by its government. In fact, America has paid \$1.2 billion, \$20,000 for each citizen, to Japanese-Americans for illegally imprisoning them during World War II, according to author Ricardo Rene Laremont. The prisoners and the survivors of these internment camps were both eligible for the reparations. Japanese-Americans also received a formal letter of apology from President Ronald Reagan.

This set another precedent, that survivors of slaves should also be able to receive reparation payments.

Now, don't be confused, Anglo-Saxon America is not being directly punished for the wrongdoings of their ancestors — but rather the government. During the period leading up to the abolishment of slavery, the U. S. government encoded slavery into the Constitution, desig-

nating slaves as three-fifths of a person for tax purposes. Also, the government encouraged slavery with laws that demanded the return of escaped slaves to their masters as witnessed in the Dred Scott case of 1857.

After the abolishment of slavery, Jim Crow laws and segregation (slavery's successor) were practiced and supported by the U.S. Government. Former Federal Reserve Chairman Andrew Brimmer estimates that discrimination costs African-Americans about \$10 billion a year. He arrived at this number using the race-wage gap, inadequate public services and reduced government benefits among other factors.

All this adds up to a shameful conclusion for our country: a report by the National Conference for Community and Justice, a Washington D.C. public policy group, found that African-Americans are still the major economic and social victims of racial discrimination. They are far more likely than white people to live in underserved segregated neighborhoods, be refused business and housing loans, be denied promotions in corporations and attend cash starved, failing public schools.

America started its climb to economic superiority using slave labor and many insurance, agricultural and banking institutions profited immensely from this heinous crime.

Lastly, I want to ask, "Why hasn't their been an official apology?" Both Clinton and George W. Bush have called slavery "evil." An admission would mean that the government would be accepting responsibility. It would also mean that there are still effects of slavery that need fixing.

Whether it would be in the form of reparations, fully-funding public schools or affirmative action, something should be done so that the playing field can be made more equal for all citizens of America.

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## Prejudice lives a societal hydra



**MEGAN SCHMIDT**  
Opinion Columnist

Here is a classic scenario: You have been seeing a guy for a while, and mom and dad have just decided that it's about time they, too, become acquainted with this charming young fellow you have come to call your boyfriend. Your grandparents are coming, your mom is making casserole, and it's shaping up to be a splendidly relaxed evening.

But this was all before you considered the fact that the race of you and your family is a different one from that of your boyfriend. You opt not to mention it, because after all, it's the year 2004, and things like that aren't supposed to matter. You realize that it does when your grandparents, normally a chatty duo who feel the need to enlighten each new person they meet with their life stories, instead sit tight-lipped for most of the meal.

Your mother, normally one to grill a new romantic prospect with a seemingly endless list of inquiries, reacts to the awkward silence by simply asking you wants more mashed potatoes about every minute and a half.

You, meanwhile, are perplexed. People aren't like this anymore! People aren't prejudiced! Or are they?

I realize that this situation is not representative of every American family today. Thank God it isn't. There are people who understand that two people of separate races can have a relationship just as acceptable, and moreover, just as loving, as that of a same-race couple. I would even go as far as to say that many people in my generation are fully devoted to this idea. Maybe in your grandparents' generation interracial relationships were something rarer, possibly even deplorable.

This is really not the standard today, though, which is great. I'm pleased that we as a society have made that progress. However, I am bothered by the idea that because some of my elders choose to cling to old-fashioned, outdated opinions on

the matter, that some of today's youth are being affected by them.

Because like it or not, those people have a lot of influence and even power over us. And, willing to admit it or not, when a person sees, for example, an Asian woman and a Caucasian man holding hands as they're walking down the street and says: "Hmm, I don't like that." That's prejudice. That's racism.

I can never quite comprehend how someone can try to pass themselves off as a perfectly accepting, completely non-discriminatory individual, and then go and turn a nose up at someone for dating outside of his or her race.

But so many older people do. And they see no problem with it.

There is a deeper problem here than just, "oh, sorry, I can't marry you because you're not the same color as I am and my dad doesn't like it." The obvious solution to that problem is basically telling your parents off for being that narrow-minded, or you end up unhappy because you are missing out on being with the person you want to. That's pretty simple. However, if your parents and their peers truly feel strongly enough to dissuade you from an interracial marriage, that is powerful.

Now imagine that this same parent is in charge of hiring employees for a large corporation. If he or she feels so intensely about "protecting" his or her daughter from the "corruption" of relations with another race, how do you suppose he or she will feel about protecting the company from the same thing? I realize this may seem to be quite a stretch, but think about it. If mom and dad are so quick to pass the judgment that Dream Boy is somehow an unfit suitor because of his ethnicity, then how can anyone guarantee they wouldn't make a similar call when in search of the perfect employee?

So, now that my hidden agenda in writing this column has revealed itself a bit more, I will try to tie this together a little better for you. Quite frankly, I'm startled by the way people react negatively toward programs,

individuals or institutions that push for affirmative action progress in this country, much in the same way that people treat interracial couples. I'm not sure how we can say we're truly matured in terms of equality and fairness if we face such opposition to either one.

Just because you don't physically engage in hate crimes against other races does not exempt you from harboring the types of stereotypes, generalizations and overall ill-feelings that can lead you to forming prejudices, which in turn can lead you to engage in the few types of discriminations that are still socially acceptable — the kind that fly just under the radar.

That vague sense of disapproval you feel when you realize your friend is dating outside of her race. Or that vague sense of duty you feel when given the opportunity to award one of two applicants of differing races with a job. Maybe it's not even a vague sense, because odds are, you consider yourself a person withholding no prejudices, right?

So maybe you're not even conscious of it. But studies show that almost all employers do have some internal inclination to hire people that look like them, even if they are not outwardly aware of it. And when most of your employers are whites, this is a problem.

All I'm saying is, be aware that no matter how hard you try, you are going to notice race. Other people will, too. Consider that at times, you may pass judgment on someone else because of it, and not even realize it. Generations before ours have done a good job of making it a big deal, and we are just now beginning to remedy some of this.

Sometimes it takes a push to get closer to the ideal situation where everyone is seen as completely equal, and no distinctions are made between race, gender, class, etc. Other times, all it might take is that brave individual who brings a person who is quite different from them to the dinner table and says: "Hi, Mom and Dad. I want you to meet a friend of mine."

## Using curse words is an addiction



**JEREMY DUBOIS**  
Opinion Columnist

Throughout childhood, most of us were taught that cursing was wrong. In some households, there were consequences for using profanity. Children often had their mouths washed out with soap or they were spanked for cursing.

Since we were subjected to consequences for using bad language, we developed words I like to refer to as "substitutes" in place of cuss words.

Words such as "crap" or "damn" soon became everyday language. It wasn't until 1999 when I did away with the substitute words, and officially made profanity part of my everyday language. This was also the year I first bought albums with the parental advisory/explicit content label.

The music I chose to listen to was laced with profanity, but I do not blame the music for my word choice. It was my decision to start cursing.

It probably seems like I am making cursing out to be some plague or downside to everyday language. Well, that's exactly what I believe profanity is.

I don't think profanity is a good thing. It's unnecessary, but we might think it is necessary at times. I believe people can talk without it and still get their point across. Perhaps that's why many people use some of the words I referred to as "substitutes."

As far as substitute words are concerned, I feel they are just as bad as the real cuss words. Why? When used, everyone knows the real word an individual chose not to use. It's almost like being fake.

Let's keep it real here. I feel that a person should say the actual word or don't say anything at all. However, it is hard for some people not to use profanity. Take some time to think about it.

You can hardly watch TV or listen to most music without hearing profanity. Television and radio stations have the nerve to allow certain cuss words to be said, and not others. They try to make it seem like some are not as bad as others. They are all bad words! I never understood that.

I often wondered how words became bad words. Why does giving someone the finger have a negative meaning? I believe that mankind is responsible for creating these words and ultimately giving them negative connota-

tions. How often do you use profanity?

I use profanity on a daily basis. It's at the point where it's too easy to use. It's a part of my everyday language. Thus, I believe profanity usage is a lot like smoking. For most people once you start it's very hard to stop.

I've often tried to stop cursing but I find myself continuing to curse when certain situations arise. I noticed that when I am around people who don't curse, my language, for the most part, is clean.

On the other hand, if I am around people who I know curse often, I tend to curse right along with them.

Perhaps someone out there can relate. Many of my friends have said that I don't sound right when I use profanity, and I believe them, but I still continue to curse. I don't know of any remedies to cure foul mouths. I've tried to show myself discipline by trying to censor myself — it worked temporarily.

I'm working on it one day at a time. Once you start cursing, you can stop with a little self-discipline. We all have the power to clean up our language. No one said it would be easy though.

## Come on: It is just a boob people

**ROBERT VAUGHAN**

Guest Columnist

I'm not normally the type of guy who likes to be boisterous in expressing opinions on current issues in our country, but the way people are treating this "Janet Jackson Jiggling Jug Incident" or "Boobgate" as I'll call it, is absolutely preposterous.

The media is treating it like some sort of scandalous historical event to the point where even Pete Rose, Enron Administrators and Monica Lewinsky are starting to get jealous of all the attention that Justin and Janet are receiving. It's only a boob — a partially covered one at that — and those that were actually watching the halftime show only saw it for a millisecond.

The funny part isn't how we read the crazy media interpretations of "Boobgate," it's how other countries around the world are laughing at our uncanny ability to blow everything out of proportion. The United States is dubbed the most powerful, prolific country in the world and "Hollywood star power" is a unique part of our country's identity and fame — whether good or bad.

For some reason, the United States feels compelled to make a big deal about nudity, when in fact, it is widely accepted in many parts of the world.

In Spain and France, nudity can be seen on daytime television shows and commercials, street billboards and subway advertisements. If a Spanish child sees a breast, whether that breast belongs to a family member or an actress on television, the media does not rush to his or her house for an in-depth interview.

The French newspaper "La Libération" pokes fun at the

United States' values on nudity, saying that it reflects our old school "puritan beliefs." The Spanish newspaper "El Mundo" laughs at the fact that Americans are so outraged by the brief second of public nudity and El Mundo's website published an article about the U.S. Government's investigation of the scandal.

These two European Union members have to be laughing at our media and governmental priorities right now — given the importance of the upcoming election in addition to the current international issues surrounding the United States.

Maybe it's not that we're critical of showing skin in public — it's just the context. Adults want to be "protective" of what their children are exposed to, yet the average kid watches over four hours of television per day. Many of the hours children spend viewing television are done so without adult supervision.

Have you seen Britney Spears' new music video "Toxic"? You see far more of Britney's scantily-covered body in that video than you'll ever see of Janet's gonzaga in that blink-of-an-eye flash during the Superbowl.

Furthermore, many more kids are going to see Britney's video in just one week than will have seen Janet's breast during "Boobgate." To add insult to injury, "Toxic" features Britney strutting around as a slutty airline stewardess. Spears' "sex sells" motto parallels pop-hit Christina Aguilera's similar style of revealing her body and dressing like a tramp. What's her hair color this week?

Despite these teen-boppers setting the trends and serving as "role models," people are still more concerned with the thought of our youth getting that glance of Janet than they are

with them seeing the aforementioned sexually connotated-loaded music video everyday after school.

I don't dislike Britney Spears, nor do I bash her music, I merely wonder how she can get away with so much public sexual content on a daily basis, while Janet Jackson is being chastised for a one second flash.

Media gossip originally stated that Jackson and Timberlake might be excluded from the Grammy Awards Show if it turns out that "Boobgate" was planned ahead of time. This logic fascinates me because you know R. Kelly was at the Grammy's, despite all of the accusations involving child pornography surrounding him. But Janet and Justin might not be there, due in large part to the media overloaded, out-of-proportion coverage of a silly, one-time incident.

People like me can write opinion columns expressing myriad views and multiple angles, but what this all boils down to is the focus of the United States' media. The cliché states that Americans are "uninformed" when it comes to politics and non-Hollywood current events. But if the media spends half of the time covering a minor breast-baring incident, then how are Americans to ever become "well-informed"?

Sure, I've exaggerated these scenarios and made fun of modern issues in order to prove my point, but perhaps it's time that the media focuses its attention on important issues and not just entertainment value in order to boost viewers and readership.

Perhaps more importantly, Americans need to enjoy popular culture icons for what they're worth and not pay so much attention to all the controversies and attention that surround them.

## Magazines: Superficial happiness

**ERICA SIMONICH**

U-wire Columnist

Love's secrets revealed! And for only \$3.99 this seems like a bargain. Yes, ladies and gents, apparently with the "Fab 12-Page Guide," Cosmopolitan magazine can teach anyone how to become the ideal lover and help us in all our love woes. Sense the sarcasm? That's probably a result of the massive amounts of cash invested in this magazine and many others of its kind. Or maybe it's the lack of satisfying results promised when you follow those few easy steps. Either way, it seems inevitable people will waste money on these magazines.

Besides the ridiculous cost of this reading material, there are plenty of other reasons to be annoyed at their role in society, the main one being that you can't even find the articles worth reading among the plethora of advertisements.

In the February 2004 issue of Cosmopolitan magazine, 130 out of 270 pages were product advertisements. Keep in mind this does not include the half-page ads and the magazines plugs for certain clothing lines and make-up. I can't speak for everyone, but I would rather pay a little more and have only 140 pages of articles. Heck, I would rather pay the same and have the ads removed!

Guilty magazine readers are everywhere. We all know reading celebrity gossip and looking at designer clothes will probably not improve our quality of life, yet we refuse to pick up a book because we would rather to keep up on the latest make-ups and break-ups. A prime example of this is at the gym.

Each visit to the fitness room is practically a trip to the magazine aisle of CVS. The great variety of fitness, beauty and just fun magazines is overwhelming, but

I cannot condemn those avid, magazine-reading stair-steppers. I am guilty of buying my fair share of magazines simply to amuse myself while getting in shape.

Who wouldn't want to know about the horrific Ben and Jen break-up? Or hear what fashion critics have to say about Sarah Jessica Parker's red carpet attire? Perhaps seeing how wonderful celebrities look on Oscar night will encourage us to run that extra half-mile.

Self-help items are another source of resentment between your average reader and their mag. All those "How To [you fill in the blank]" articles claim to help us, but if they are so effective, shouldn't our world be filled with fashionable, healthy, fulfilled people?

But if we could actually buy the secret to happiness in the latest issue of "YM" or relieve stress in a week, magazine companies would eventually run out of problems to solve for humanity and out of profit as well. Good thing their solutions are debatable.

This one is for the girls: Most of those tips about fashion and beauty — not so useful. Who can wear yellow and purple eye shadow at the same time and not look like Cleopatra gone horribly wrong? For the most part, the makeup looks great on the models, but is just not practical for everyday wear.

Imagine trudging to Arjona in the slush for a fun-filled 50 minutes of class wearing your favorite pair of jeans and sneakers. You couldn't do that without Revlon's Super Lustrous Lipstick in "Pink Cha-Cha-Cha" could you? "Glamour" doesn't advise it, at any rate. It seems ironic that for all the articles telling us we are beautiful and not to change ourselves, there are so many articles, which teach us how to modify our looks.

Fashion tips for clothing are just as bad. The clothes are not

only impractical to high school or college students, but also to the average working person.

Only the lucky few can afford the designer labels shown in pictures, and if they can, it is doubtful they can pull off the ultra-modern looks as glamorously as the willowy models. The "Sunscreen Song" by Baz Luhrman offers some of the best advice on the matter: "Don't read beauty magazines, they will only make you feel ugly."

Male-focused magazines such as Maxim aren't free of exasperating traits either. Many females are opposed to the often suggestive and demeaning attitudes toward women portrayed.

With scantily dressed females at the turn of every page, most boyfriends have to hide these magazines, or use the old "I only read it for the articles" excuse to their girlfriends. Men are troubled by the nature of these magazines as well. Freshman Ian Smith's biggest complaint about this type of reading is "they perpetuate the stereotype of the twenty-something guy who is funny, but immature."

As obnoxious as they may be, magazines do serve some purpose in our lives. For carefree and easy reading there may be no better choice. Also, to deal with the high price problem, subscriptions often offer good deals.

Although magazines may not be able to solve world problems or even propose practical fashion tips, they do take our minds off the stresses of daily life. Reading about a celebrity's problems may even be comforting for the lone reason that at least when you have worries, the entire world doesn't know about them.

Magazines are no substitution for the insight and writing style of a classic novel, but when taken for what they are worth (about \$3.50) they can be simple entertainment for bored people.



### Did you know?

A duck's quack doesn't echo. No one knows why.

If a surgeon in Ancient Egypt lost a patient while performing an operation, his hands were cut off.

Human hair and fingernails do not continue to grow after death.



**OHIO JUDGE CONVICTED OF DRIVING DRUNK**

An Ohio Judge was convicted yesterday of drunken driving in Florida, his second DUI conviction in five years. Judge John Connor, 64, admitted to driving drunk in Delray Beach, Fla. on Dec. 15, 2002. Connor will serve one year probation and 75 hours of community service. He must also agree to be randomly tested for drugs and alcohol at his own expense and pay \$861 in fines.

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# STATE

## Court okays prison closing in Lima, Ohio

By John Seewer  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The state hopes to begin moving inmates this week out of an Ohio prison now that an appeals court has upheld Gov. Bob Taft's decision to shut it down.

The prison's department said all 436 inmates at the Lima Correctional Institution could be sent to other prisons by the end of March.

"We're not rushing to transfer them out today," said Andrea Dean, spokeswoman for the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. "We want to do it in an orderly fashion."

The 3rd Ohio District Court of Appeals on Monday overturned a lower court decision that delayed

since last summer the closing of the prison in northwest Ohio.

Taft intended to close the prison on July 12 to save \$25 million a year and ensure the state's finances remain in the black.

However, Allen County Common Pleas Court Judge Richard Warren halted the shut-down in August, saying the governor lacked authority to close the prison.

Warren ruled that Taft overstepped his authority because the Ohio Legislature never relinquished control of the prison it created in 1982.

The state had started moving inmates to other prisons, but Warren's ruling halted the transfer of inmates and the layoff of

prison employees.

The prison, which had about 1,500 inmates when the closing was announced a year ago, now has 436 prisoners and 409 employees.

State prison officials wasted no time after the appeals court decision on Monday, beginning work on finding space for the Lima inmates, Dean said.

Ohio's prison population has



Danny Sawlowski AP Photo

**ARIEL VIEW:** The Lima Correctional Institution shown Oct. 12, 2003. The 3rd Ohio Court of Appeals ruled that prison can be closed.

dropped from 45,600 inmates at the end of 2002 to 43,861.

The prisons department is also working on a plan to transfer

workers and begin layoffs.

Veteran employees will be able to transfer to other prisons and "bump" other workers out of a job, Dean said.

"Most of those who get laid off will not be from Lima but from surrounding facilities," she said.

The Ohio Civil Service Employees Association, which represented most of the workers at the state prison, filed the lawsuit seeking to keep the prison open.

The union will decide within the next few days whether to appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court, said Ron Alexander, the union's president.

Alexander said that laying off prison workers goes against the

Taft administration's pledge to create more jobs in Ohio.

The prison is on a site that also includes Allen Correctional Institution, Oakwood Correctional Facility, which is the state's psychiatric prison, and a community-based corrections facility.

Closing the prison would be a blow to the city of Lima, which has estimated that the prison puts about \$100 million a year into the local economy.

The city gets about \$300,000 in income tax a year from the prison.

Restaurants and carryouts near the facility say their business would suffer.



J.D. Pooley AP Photo

**LIGHTING UP:** A woman lights a cigarette, Friday, Feb. 6, at a bar in Toledo, Ohio. Toledo's smoking ban prohibits smoking in all bars and restaurants except in approved smoking lounges.

## Smokers blow smoke at clean air laws

By John Seewer  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TOLEDO, Ohio - James Pierson sat at the corner of the bar with a cigarette in his hand and a court summons in his coat pocket.

The retired autoworker was charged three weeks ago with violating the city's ban on smoking in bars and restaurants.

"In reality, I'm breaking the law right now," said Pierson, 62, of Temperance, Mich. "Everybody should stand up for their rights."

Defiant smokers and tavern owners in cities where smoking has been outlawed are rising up to protest, staging "smoke-ins" and filing lawsuits to overturn clean air

ordinances.

"We're trying every angle we can to get everyone on our side," said Jerry Zaspel, owner of Barb's Westgate Inn, in Tacoma, Wash.

Driving smokers away will put him out of business, Zaspel said. "It's not a smoking issue. It's a survival issue," he said.

Some bar owners in Tacoma refused to put away their ashtrays before a judge threw out the ban Jan. 23. Supporters of the ordinance plan to appeal.

Nonsmoking ordinances started becoming popular in the mid-1980s as grocery stores banned smoking and restaurants put in seating areas for nonsmokers.

A California law banning smoking in bars and restaurants in 1994 led to another surge in clean air legislation.

There have been only a handful of victories for smoking ban opponents.

City council members in Austin, Texas, overturned a ban on smoking in restaurants and bars in October after business owners said it could have a devastating economic impact.

Toledo bar owners have taken the fight against smoking bans a step further by creating a charity to take advantage of a loophole that allows smoking in private clubs and at private social functions.

"Usually it's a very, very small minority who stands in

defiance and it usually lasts about a month," said Josh Alpert, spokesman for Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights.

"What's happening in Toledo is probably the most creative," he said.

About 40 bar owners formed a nonprofit charity called "Taverns for Tots." They charge patrons \$1 for a lifetime membership and promise to donate the fee and 1 percent of their gross receipts to children's charities.

"It's a very innovative, creative way of doing a charity, and yes, we can still allow smoking," said bar owner Bill Delaney. "Being innovative and creative - that's the

American way."

The city contends that the charity formed by the bar owners was a sham and that its only purpose was to dodge the ban that took effect in August.

"It's not a scam," Delaney said. "The money still goes to the children."

A haze of smoke hung in the air as smokers and nonsmokers gathered for happy hour.

"But Delaney has an alternative plan if the bar owners don't prevail in court."

"We'll become a private club," he said with a grin. "What we'll be is a modern-day speakeasy."

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**Former Falcon All-American dies**

MASSILLON, Ohio (AP) - Massillon Washington's football strength and conditioning coach died after collapsing in a school hallway.

Steve Studer, 51, a 1972 Massillon Washington graduate, collapsed at the school around 7:30 a.m. Monday, Principal Mark Fortner said.

The Stark County coroner performed an autopsy yesterday but didn't announce a cause of death.

Studer was the center on the 1970 Massillon Washington team that won a state championship and played a large role in the school's legacy as a football powerhouse. His portrait hangs in the school's Hall of Champions.

He went on to play center for Bowling Green where he earned honorable mention All-American honors.

Studer guided the school's powerlifting teams to state and national titles and coordinated the school's athletic weight training programs.

"He was dedicated to his students, the staff and members of the community," Fortner said. "He built and maintained the strength program here at Washington and he was an excellent teacher and coach."

"He is Massillon."

# Nobody cares about the Pro Bowl



**WILL CURITORE**

Sports Reporter

Sunday's Pro Bowl was the highest scoring Pro Bowl in the 25-year history of the game. The contest went into the final seconds before Mike Vanderjagt's 51-yard field goal sailed wide right, preserving a 55-52 victory for the NFL.

It was surprisingly one of the most exciting Pro Bowls ever. What was not surprising is that absolutely no one cared.

I believe you will agree with me when I say that the NFL's version of the all-star game pales in comparison to the other all-star games in baseball, basketball and hockey.

The last two actually take place, along with the Pro Bowl, within an eight day span, with the NFL All-Star Game taking place the same afternoon the Pro Bowl is played. The All-Star games in other sports are rated overwhelmingly higher than the only NFL game that takes place after the Super Bowl.

That's another problem. The Super Bowl is the most anticipated event not only in football, but all of professional sports. There are not a lot of people that want to watch another football game after the emotion and drama of the big game. This includes the die hard fans that always say there should be football all year long.

The other problem with the Pro Bowl is the game of football itself. Football, despite being generally violent and containing a wide array of fast runners and hard hitting linemen, is a slow game.

A football game basically involves a five to seven second play followed by approximately a 20 to 25 second break. Sometimes these breaks between plays are the perfect time to run commercials. And, of course, there is also the two minute warning, which was basically developed so more commercials can run and more money can be made by the network.

Don't get me wrong. Football is one of my favorite sports to watch, and there is no compar-

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## Falcons host Ohio tonight



Mike Metzger BG News

**CRUNCH TIME:** Bowling Green's Austin Montgomery tries to get a shot off against Marshall on Jan. 31. Bowling Green hosts Ohio University tonight at Anderson Arena, one of five remaining regular-season home games for the Falcons.

The Falcons have a chance to improve their Mid-American Conference record tonight against OU.

By Elliott Schreiner  
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Bowling Green men's basketball team can take the high road or the low road right now.

The high road: the Falcons take advantage of their talent, maximize their potential and make a run at the Mid-American Conference title.

The low road: —the path the Falcons have taken the last two and a half weeks that has seen them go 1-4 and have several lapses in each of those games.

"We've got 30 or 40 days to get that straightened out," BG head coach Dan Dakich said. "We're going to take it every day and get as good as we can be."

The most immediate chance for the Falcons to be all they can be will be tonight, when they host Ohio University. Both teams come into the game with identical MAC records of 5-6.

Needless to say, this is a must-win game for BG.

"I kind of feel they all are [must-win games]," Dakich said. "We've got to win, they've got to win."

Ohio will pose some problems for the Falcons. The main problem BG will face is guard Jaivon Harris. The 6-5 senior is coming off a monster week that landed him MAC East player of the week honors. Coming into tonight's contest, Harris is pouring in 15 points per game and pulling down 4.6 rebounds per game.

The Bobcats aren't a one man show, though. Point guard Thomas Stephens joins Harris in the double-digit scoring column with 10.6 points per game, and center Delvar Garrett provides bulk in the middle while averaging nine points and five rebounds per contest.

Even with these problems at hand, the Falcons are more concerned at conducting their own business and are currently looking for a leader, and Dakich feels he doesn't fit the part.

"A leader is someone who everyone on the team feels responsible for," he said. "When a coach has to be the leader you don't have a good team. A team has to lead itself."

And while Dakich doesn't fit the part, he has a few players in his mind that do.

"I think [John] Reimold and [Ron] Lewis," he said. "Reimold gives you everything he has. He got to the point in practice yesterday where I had to take him out."

The two certainly do fit the part. Lewis comes into the contest as one of the best scoring threats in the MAC scoring 18.8 points per game and Reimold isn't far behind. The forward averages 15 points per game while shooting 43.4 percent from downtown.

Time is ticking down for the Falcons to make their move and take the high road or the low road.

"I think this team has played at times as good as any team in the league," Dakich said. "We're capable of being as good as anyone. There's a million stories of teams dropping or rising late in the season. It's a matter of where our players really want to go with it."

## Defense leading Falcons into stretch run

By Joel Hammond  
SPORTS REPORTER

If defense wins championships, the Bowling Green women's basketball team is on the right track to doing so in the Mid-American Conference tournament.

Through Monday, the Falcons ranked fourth in conference play in scoring defense. Take away last Tuesday's 92-81 loss at Miami, and BG ranks second in conference play, allowing only 60.3 points per contest.

That stingy defense has translated to a 6-3 start in the MAC

and BG's inclusion in the race for top seeds in the MAC tournament for the first time in years. That defense will certainly be tested tonight as an improving Ohio Bobcats team, coming off two straight victories, hosts the Falcons in Athens.

"Defense has been consistent for us so far," Miller said. "Jennifer Roos has done a good job with them, and we've got the young group believing that defense and rebounding wins games. Our points against has been a lot better since we've entered conference play, and

with the exception of the Miami game, we've made teams beat us with something other than their strengths."

Ohio is 9-11 and 3-5 in the MAC, but has impressed in recent wins over Central Michigan (53-48) and most recently a dominant 85-65 win over Buffalo, a team which nearly beat BG two weeks ago. Miller said the Bobcats present an especially tough task because they feature a team of good players and not one outstanding performer.

"We can't have a letdown

against OU," Miller said. "I've enjoyed our time with OU. They have a team full of really good players, but no superstar. That is sometimes harder to prepare for, because there's not one person who you look at and say, 'you have to take her out.' They're very versatile and athletic, and they'll be the first team we play in a long time that presses from end line to end line all game long. If you want to finish high in the standings and you're fighting for your lives in terms of positioning for the MAC tournament, you have to steal some

wins on the road."

OU and BG have developed quite a rivalry in Miller's two years, splitting four games in games decided by a total of 17 points. BG beat the Bobcats 73-72 last year, won 57-56 in 2002 but lost twice that year as well, including a 74-68 loss in the first round of the 2002 MAC tournament.

**SPEAKING OF THE MAC TOURNAMENT:** Currently, BG is fourth in the MAC West with a game in hand on second-place

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## Gymnast uses skill to create her own path

By Jason A. Dixon  
SPORTS REPORTER

Sometimes to follow in footsteps, one must use the heart as a compass, but Breanne Metzger chose to use more than that to resist the temptation while growing up in Lehigh, Pa.

During times of uncertainty, Metzger saw gymnastics — a sport she had competed in since the age of four — as a springboard to create her own path.

"I probably would have gone down the same road as a bunch of my high school friends if I wasn't competing in gymnastics," Metzger said.

"They are still living at home with their parents, they didn't

really go to college, and they're just still hanging out in a small town," she said. "I got involved in the sport at an early age ... I just loved the adrenaline rush from competing, and I decided that I was going to become a good gymnast."

Whether it was from watching her older sister perform in gymnastics as a kid, or having her parents drive to a gym everyday that was 45 minutes away, Metzger's maturation seemed to be inevitable.

By the time she was a freshman at Lehigh High School, Metzger said that colleges started to notice her abilities and pretty soon her accomplishments caught the eyes of coaches across the country.

Metzger, 21, was a five-time Junior Olympic National Qualifier — placing 20th in 2000 — a two-time Level 10 State All-Around Champion, and a Region 7 All-Around Champion in 1999 and 2000.

"Anybody who was someone wanted her [Breanne]," said Mike Metzger, Breanne's father. "We received letters from schools across the country."

Despite her resume, many of the schools which had shown interest began to shy away because of Metzger's grades.

"I went through a lot of problems because my grades weren't that great, and my SAT

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Mike Metzger BG News

**BACK IN ACTION:** Bowling Green gymnast Breanne Metzger performs her beam routine at the All-Ohio Championship meet last Sunday. Metzger is back competing after injuries held her back last season.



## 76ers replace Ayers with assistant

By Dan Geiston  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PHILADELPHIA — Randy Ayers lost his job after less than a season as the Philadelphia 76ers' coach. If the team doesn't turn things around, others might be on their way out, too.

And star guard Allen Iverson would like to have some input.

The 76ers fired Ayers yesterday with the team 21-31 and 1 1/2 games behind the Boston Celtics for the Eastern Conference's final playoff berth. Assistant Chris Ford takes over on an interim basis.

"Some things I was looking at, I just was not comfortable with," general manager Billy King said.

"We're going to be aggressive and see if we can do something to change the roster. We still expect every player to play hard, be professional and play the right way."

He said he is willing to make trades that could help the 76ers make the playoffs. The deadline for deals is Feb. 19.

King thinks some players have not put forth a full effort every game—something Iverson said aloud recently.

Iverson was surprised and upset by Ayers' firing. He said he would have liked to have heard the news from King first. Now the NBA's leading scorer (27.5-point average) wants to have a say in whatever changes might come next.

"Just being called the franchise player, for being here as long as I've been here, I definitely feel like someone should have said something," said the league's MVP in the 2000-01 season. "I feel like I'm supposed to be involved with a lot of stuff. ... I've earned the right to know some of the things that are going on."

Iverson, in his eighth season, agreed with King that a shakeup could be needed, but he says he wants to finish his career with the team he led to the 2001 NBA Finals with coach Larry Brown.

Ayers became the Sixers' head coach when Brown resigned after last season. Brown is now coaching the Detroit Pistons.

All but one of the Eastern Conference's 15 teams (Atlanta, with Terry Stotts) changed coaches since the end of last season.



Mark Duncan AP Photo

**DUNKING:** Cleveland's LeBron James goes up for a whirling dunk against the Lakers last week. James turned down an invitation for the All-Star dunk contest because of a sprained ankle.

## James could stage dunk surprise this weekend

By Tom Withers  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CLEVELAND—LeBron James plans to watch the NBA's slam dunk contest—for now.

James was not among the four players named yesterday by the league to take part in Saturday night's contest during All-Star weekend in Los Angeles, but the Cavaliers' teenage rookie star has been hinting at a possible surprise appearance.

James recently turned down an invitation from the league to be in one of the weekend's glamor events because of a sprained right ankle that sidelined him for three games.

However, James said he may reconsider.

"I don't know," he said. "I'll think about it. There are a lot of people who want me to do it."

Yesterday, the league announced that Golden State's Jason Richardson will go for his third straight dunking crown against Boston's Ricky Davis, Denver's Chris Andersen and Indiana's Fred Jones.

No player has won three

slam-dunk contests since the competition began in 1984.

While James remains non-committal, there are signs that he might be ready to show his stuff.

Neat the end of warmups before Monday night's game against Boston, James twice practiced a twisting, two-handed dunk that teammate Kendrick Brown couldn't match.

Also, this year's event is sponsored by Sprite, which signed James to a six-year, multimillion-dollar marketing and endorsement deal in August.

James said the decision whether to dunk or not will be his.

"I don't feel pressure," he said. "There are a lot of people who want me to be in it, but it's no pressure like it's a life or death situation."

James is scheduled to play in Friday's Rookie Challenge and the dunk contest would be yet another appointment on a busy itinerary for the No. 1 draft pick, who Monday night became the youngest player in league history to score 1,000

points.

In addition to fulfilling league obligations, James has commitments with Nike, which signed him to a six-year, \$90 million deal last May.

"He's got a lot on his plate," said his agent, Aaron Goodwin. "But the dunk contest will be LeBron's decision. He said no before, but if he's healthy enough, he could change his mind."

If James does enter the contest, Goodwin is confident he'll put on quite a show.

"He's the best game dunker in the league," Goodwin said. "Obviously the league is salivating at the thought of him being in it."

James had several monster dunks in Monday night's win over Boston before straining his left calf muscle late in the third quarter. He returned in the fourth period and scored five of his 24 points in Cleveland's 97-89 win.

James was limited in practice yesterday but expects to play tonight against New Jersey.

## Women jockeying for high tournament seed

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Eastern Michigan and Ball State. Right now, BG would host 0-8 Akron in the first round of the tournament and play the winner of Ball State and Central Michigan in the quarterfinals.

However, BG is still very much in the hunt for a first-round bye, awarded to the top three teams in the regular season. The Falcons have home games against Toledo, Kent State and Northern Illinois remaining — and the Falcons are 7-2 at home. BG does have to travel to Ball State as well. Remaining opponents of West Division-leading Western Michigan, with whom BG would win any tiebreaker, have a combined record of 30-28, but the Broncos do have to

play Toledo twice, Ball State and Miami on the road.

**MCDOWELL IMPRESSES OFF BENCH:** When reigning MAC Player of the Week Lindsay Austin has needed a break this season, Miller has gone to a slew of reserve players, most often of which was sophomore Tene Lewis. But when Western Michigan went to a zone defense in the second half of BG's win Saturday, Miller inserted Casey McDowell, a sophomore who transferred from Indiana State and sat out last year.

BG had 18 turnovers in 28 minutes before Austin's departure, but after McDowell entered, BG committed just two turnovers the rest of the way.

"Casey is a veteran," Miller

said. "She's only a sophomore, but has three years of experience after transferring from Indiana State. She's always been, since we've had her, a calming influence for us. She has a very good assist to turnover ratio. When Western was playing only half court zone, we stole minutes with Lindsay on the bench. Lindsay was on the bench for nine minutes, which is a long time for us to run our team without her. Casey did a great job."

Miller said he still has confidence in Lewis and freshman backup point guard Julie Gompers when Austin goes to the bench, but his usage of those three will depend on the type of game his team is playing.



Glenn Bailey BG News

**TIGHT RACE:** Bowling Green's Ali Mann takes a shot during BG's win over Western Michigan last weekend. Mann and the Falcons travel to play Ohio University tonight.

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# Changes abound at GM meeting

By Ira Podell  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HENDERSON, Nev. — Hoping to increase scoring in the NHL, general managers proposed yesterday that goaltenders wear smaller pads and not be allowed to handle the puck behind the goal line.

The general managers agreed to the suggestions during a five-hour collective meeting that pre-empted a planned golf outing at a resort near the Las Vegas Strip.

"We're attempting to restrike the balance between offense and defense," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said after the marathon session that also included three members of the players' association.

Goaltenders will be the most affected as the width of their pads would be reduced from 12 inches to 10 inches—where they were before 1989—and they would no longer be able to go behind the goal line to play the puck.

"I think the goaltenders now are so good at puck-handling, it's difficult to get in and forecheck," said Detroit GM Ken Holland, a former NHL goalie. "They've perfected the position."

Bettman came with a mandate to GMs to produce a better product, and the group put in long hours during the first two days of the three-day meeting to achieve that goal.

Scoring has dropped by 2 1/2 goals per game in the last 15 years to an average of five per game.

"We now have to go back and take the package and flush it out, make sure we haven't omitted anything or need to clarify something," Bettman said. "Then we have to blend it all together and make sure that it all fits together neatly and there are no inconsistencies."

New Jersey's Martin Brodeur said during All-Star festivities last weekend that he had no problem with thinner pads, but he and Dallas' Marty Turco have virtually become third defensemen because of their ability to play pucks that are dumped in behind the nets.

"I think the couple of changes that we made will really make a difference in how the game is played," Islanders general manager Mike Milbury said.

The group came up with several adjustments that could become rules once they are discussed by a panel of hockey experts put together by Bettman and voted on by the board of governors this summer.

Most couldn't remember a time when suggested changes weren't supported by the board.

If the proposals are approved, the group will have transformed the face of game. And most of the changes would take effect by next season—unless a work stoppage occurs after the collective bargaining agreement expires Sept. 15.

The nets would be moved back three feet toward the end boards to 10 feet. In doing so, the blue lines also move in three feet to keep the distance the same between the blue line and the goal, and increase the neutral zones to 60 feet from 54.

Before the 1990-91 season, the goal was moved to 11 feet and then to 13 eight years later.

Also back is the tag-up off-sides rule, which will increase the flow of the game and lead to fewer whistles. The thought is it will also create scoring chances because offensive players will be able to change while defensive players will be

kept on the ice and in their zone longer.

The GMs also will ask the AHL to experiment with a new system that will give three points for a regulation victory, two for an overtime victory, and one for an overtime loss.

A bigger aspect to this change is the introduction of a game-deciding shootout. A shootout winner will also get two points, while the losing team gets one. Tie games would be eliminated.

That and expanding the width of the blue and red lines would be tried for a year in the AHL before being reconsidered by the NHL.

"The consensus is we have a really good game and for some reason in our sport there is a lot more analysis or critics of our game which I don't think is completely fair," Carolina GM Jim Rutherford said. "Making some changes and tweaking the game as we go along makes sense."

The general managers plan to meet again within the next two months for further discussion and then they will pass their recommendations over to the panel, expected to be convened in July, Bettman said.

"Now it's up to the group that Gary's putting together to see if it'll go any further," Capitals GM George McPhee said.

Two other rules interpretations are expected to go into effect in the next few days.

If a puck should go in while the net is wiggling on its moorings, the goal will now stand.

Also, if a player is streaking toward a loose puck and headed for a breakaway, a penalty shot may be awarded if the player is dragged down before he is in possession of the puck. In the past, he would have to have already acquired it.



Dave Sandford AP Photo

**PROPOSAL:** Eastern Conference goalie Martin Brodeur of the New Jersey Devils dives to save a shot during the NHL All-Star game Sunday. Yesterday, general managers proposed that goaltenders wear smaller pads and not be allowed to handle the puck behind the goal line.

## Metzger succeeds in establishing her identity

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score wasn't matching my GPA," she said. "I had a ton of schools sending me letters, but as soon as they found out my GPA they didn't want anything to do with me."

Mike Metzger said that the most difficult part came after his daughter no longer had the opportunity to choose what school she wanted to attend.

"That was a really tough time for her because everyone had high expectations, including her," he said. "Bowling Green was really the only school that gave her a chance to prove herself."

Indeed, BG head coach Dan Connelly took the chance and said he never thought twice about the decision.

"Breanne had everything we were looking for in a gymnast, and she was also very talented," Connelly said. "I think what stood out the most was her determination and her positive attitude ... I loved that about her."

The way the coaches and gymnasts interacted made Bowling Green more appealing Metzger said.

"Pittsburgh, Bowling Green and Eastern Michigan were still recruiting me at the time, but Pittsburgh offered the scholarship to a teammate of mine

behind my back," Metzger said. "Dan really showed a lot of interest in me and he believed in me, and that was another reason I came here."

When she arrived on campus, however, it was a delayed process before she was able to compete.

Metzger was ruled ineligible her freshman year in 2001 and was unable to practice with the team.

"It was hard for me because I couldn't be around the team and I had to lift and do all that stuff by myself," she said. "I injured my shoulder and I had to have surgery that following summer, so that didn't help me either."

During the spring semester of her sophomore year, Metzger was finally cleared to perform, but she partially tore her ACL in the first meet of the season and missed the entire 2003 campaign recovering from the knee injury.

"I was still able to compete in five meets on the vault after the injury, but then I completely tore my ACL in practice," she said. "So, I was out of gymnastics for two years and that was hard for me to deal with."

As the 2004 season began, hopes sprung eternal for Metzger, so to did the expectations of returning to the form that made her a coveted recruit.

Metzger has shown glimpses of her past while averaging a

9.57 score on the vault and 9.7687 on the balance beam this year.

Her return was solidified when the Falcons (4-3, 2-0) recorded a season-high team score of 195.125 in defeating an undefeated North Carolina squad at the time, as Metzger tied her career-high on the vault (9.725) and established new ones on the balance beam (9.75) and the floor exercise (9.775).

"This is my first time seeing her compete and she is so talented," said teammate Melissa Bruch. "She also works very hard and I think that's what makes her stick out."

Perhaps the most impressive thing that Metzger did in the 17 years between first beginning gymnastics and now is something she did not do.

She did not give up. "She did not have an abundance of talent when she was growing up, but her mom and I just tried to encourage and tell her to look at the long haul," her dad said.

"I'm so proud of her because she had to work like heck to get everything she has academically. Also, coming back from a potential career-ending knee injury shows how tough she is, and I am proud of everything she has accomplished at Bowling Green."

## Free trip is why players really go to Pro Bowl

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ison to actually going to a game. It can be exciting, when there is something at stake.

I do not watch the preseason, and I certainly do not watch the Pro Bowl. The players, coaches, and even the fans could care less who wins and who loses.

It is blatantly obvious that the players participating are not going all out, which is fine. I could imagine tearing my ACL in an exhibition game and having to sit out the whole next season.

However, that does not mean that I'm willing to watch them give an expected and accepted lackluster effort. The only reason that many of these players take the trip to Hawaii to play in the Pro Bowl is a free vacation for them and their families—on the league of course. The only satisfaction that I can possibly have is the fact that the NBA All-Star Game is only seven days away.

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# League asks judge to suspend order on draft

By Larry Neumeister  
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NEW YORK — The NFL asked a judge to suspend her decision allowing Maurice Clarett to enter the draft, saying yesterday it needs a stay to avoid "profound adverse consequences."

Athletes might sacrifice college eligibility and scholarships in a vain attempt to turn pro if U.S. District Judge Shira Scheindlin doesn't set aside her decision pending an appeal, the league argued.

Clarett, the suspended Ohio State running back, sued the NFL last summer over a league rule that players must be out of high school three years for draft eligibility. Scheindlin said the NFL rule violates antitrust laws.

Clarett, a 20-year-old sophomore, played just one season at Ohio State, leading the Buckeyes to the 2002 national

championship. He was barred from playing in the 2003 season for accepting improper benefits from a family friend and then lying to investigators about it.

The NFL said it will appeal Scheindlin's ruling to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan regardless of whether the judge agrees to suspend last Thursday's decision.

The NFL cited what it called a "substantial possibility that the Second Circuit will have a different view on the merits."

Without a stay of the ruling, the NFL said the league's 32 teams will be forced to evaluate, work out and interview many prospective NFL players who had been deemed ineligible.

Those players then would sacrifice their scholarships and education for an uncertain future, perhaps ultimately dis-

placing NFL veterans.

"There would also be corresponding serious, disruptive and irreparable effects on the college football programs that invested substantial sums in recruiting these players and fostering their athletic development," the NFL said.

Any veterans who lose their jobs "would have no remedy if this court's ruling were ultimately reversed," it said.

Clarett has not said whether he would enter the draft because he still might want to return to college. The NFL has set a March 1 deadline for high school players and college underclassmen to apply for the draft, pending its appeal.

Ohio State would have to petition the NCAA to allow Clarett to return for the 2004 season, and it is unclear whether the school would succeed.

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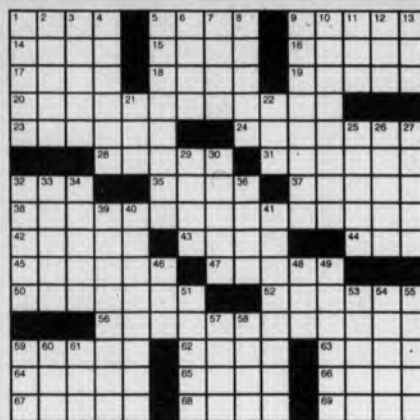
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  - Ms. MacGraw
  - Quadratically prominent grp.
  - Undivided
  - Blue Hen St.
  - E.R. staffers
  - Wing part
  - More tender
  - Squeeze
  - Tear
  - Peruvian mountains
  - Earthquake
  - "la vista, baby!"
  - German city
  - Out of port, but not wine
  - Of two continents
  - Available for leasing
  - "... from Mars"
  - Poetic contraction
  - Golfer Ernie
  - Hit with a blackjack
  - Formal proclamation
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  - Embossed emblems
  - Arthur of tennis
  - Require
  - Houston or Rayburn
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## ACROSS

- Ancient fertility god
- Sprouts bean
- Marsh of mysteries
- Uncivil
- Mimic
- Synthetic fiber
- Bollicose deity
- Round dance
- Verbalize
- Two bars
- Singer Pete
- Embrace
- Satellite of Jupiter
- Sinbad or Popeye
- 32 Thar \_ blows!
- Napoleon victory site
- Case-hardened
- Two bars
- Point in question
- Twist 12 and 20
- \_ longa, vita brevis
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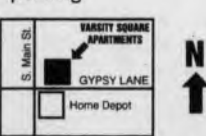
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Wisler, Kristin

## Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity 7%

Lybarger, Matthew  
Moga, Alexander

## Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. 18%

Boysaw, Terea  
Griffin, Lynsey

## Delta Tau Delta Fraternity 7%

Royko, Michael  
Slain, Matthew  
Zienkowski, Edward

## Delta Zeta Sorority 22%

Crowe, Rachel  
Dammeier, Amy  
Holoka, Nicole  
Humbarger, Lacey  
Kunk, Jody  
Miller, Jennifer  
Mueck, Julie  
Nobile, Sara  
O'Patry, Colleen  
Patterson, Melissa  
Phillips, Noelle  
Ramirez, Jessica  
Rossman, Audrey  
Stalb, Amy  
Viancourt, Amanda  
Volkerding, Kristin

## Gamma Phi Beta Sorority 24%

Becker, Jennifer  
Beechler, Autumn  
Caravella, Suzanne  
Carlin, Melissa  
Frater, Deborah  
Geraghty, Meaghan  
Krieg, Cynthia  
Little, Amanda  
Loge, Sarah  
Myers, Kelly  
Paces, Shannon  
Stanford, Samantha  
Sutton, Laura

## Kappa Alpha Order 14%

Chung, Brian  
Dorau, Jacob  
Kohlrieser, Greg  
Kozan, Kevin  
Mazzola, Joseph  
Redman, Christopher  
Reynolds, Matthew  
Shipp, Adam  
Wiemken, Jonathan

## Kappa Delta Sorority 24%

Burcin, Emily  
Casto, Sarah  
Greene, Ashley  
Merkel, Lori  
Neal, Shawna  
Riddlebaugh, Susan  
Smith, Takasha  
Tucker, Kathryn  
Verbus, Colleen  
Woerner, Kathleen  
Zimmerman, Elizabeth

## Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority 33%

Bell, Courtney  
Bell, Lindsay  
Berry, Amy  
Browning, Amber  
Dabbelt, Rebecca  
Davis, Danielle  
Davis, Kristen  
Eliopoulos, Lindsey  
Flynn, Sara  
Gable, Jenna  
Garrison, Amanda  
Hettle, Ashley  
Kallas, Alexis  
Kelly, Erika  
Kindler, Jillian  
Lanese, Ginenne  
LaHote, Tracy  
Massau, Samantha  
McCanse, Cara  
Pennell, Heather  
Raburn, Brittany  
Schuster, Lindsey  
Shreffler, Brittney  
Sito, Marchell  
Takacs, Amanda  
Zienkowski, Diane

## Kappa Sigma Fraternity 10%

Chamberlain, Mark  
Ecols, Chris  
Hoffman, Ryan  
Parsons, Neil  
Whipkey, Jonathon

## Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity 16%

Allanson, Christopher  
Calabrese, Anthony  
Crockett, Andrew  
Eaglen, Matthew  
Grodhaus, Daniel  
Kessler, Daniel  
Koval, Joseph

## Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. 11%

Kennedy, Damon  
Phi Delta Theta Fraternity 4%  
Dybo, Thomas  
Zimmer, Matthew

## Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity 14%

Fulton, Benjamin  
Kraus, Jacob  
Lonchyna, John  
McDaniel, Bryan  
McGary, Matthew  
Purpura, Ryan  
Rybalt, Matthew  
Sabo, Timothy  
Twedt, James

## Phi Kappa Tau Fraternity 11%

Cieply, Dennis  
Haydock, Todd  
Keeton, Zachary  
Parthemore, Christopher  
Watson, Christopher

## Phi Mu Sorority 16%

Burmeister, Kari  
Fletcher, Melissa  
Gorby, Tiffany  
Hamen, Sarah  
Kovacs, Heather  
Lowery, Lindsay  
McCombs, Jennifer  
Mudd, Laura  
Pawlak, Kathleen

## Pi Kappa Alpha Fraternity 19%

Barrie, Steven  
Cosentino, Greg  
Flanagan, Daniel  
Kleman, Kyle  
Parker, Shaun  
Rinkinen, Jonathan  
Ward, Taylor

## Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity 2%

Fortney, Ryan

## Pi Beta Phi Sorority 26%

Babjack, Kristen  
Baker, Krystina  
Boarts, Ashley  
Groedel, Allison  
Hemming, Megan  
Hertzer, Kristen  
Hoernemann, Kara  
Morrison, Heather  
Nash, Kimberly  
Patton, Kelly  
Petrusky, Jennifer  
Radke, Kristen  
Reed, Jessica  
Shaw, Mary  
Simpson, Erin  
Steyer, Kimberly  
Wehrman, Jodi  
Willinger, Kelly  
Winerman, Sari  
Wolf, Morgan

## Sigma Ohi Fraternity 6%

Aiken, James  
Greer, Cole  
Kolderman, Nicholas

## Sigma Kappa Sorority 28%

Alcox, Caitlin  
Anderson, Abigail  
Campolo, Angela  
Colvin, Rhonda  
Denson, Michelle  
Eberhardt, Jennifer  
Farner, Molly  
Fishman, Brooke  
Griffin, Erin  
Heckman, Angela  
Henn, Catherine  
Kirk, Amy  
Leskosky, Gretchen  
LeSage, Kara  
May, Lindsey  
Mocilnikar, Jessica  
Pelzer, Celeste  
Reynolds, Chelsie  
Robinson, Jennifer  
Visintainer, Noelle

## Sigma Lambda Beta Fraternity 16%

Castro, Ariel

## Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority 11%

Acevedo, Rosa  
Hernandez, Florinda

## Sigma Nu Fraternity 30%

Carroll, Adam  
Kaufman, Joseph  
Morris, Paul  
Thornton, Trent

## Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity 15%

Baker, Mario  
Brown, Johnathan  
Fawcett, Thomas  
Hughart, Lucas  
Klein, Jason

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